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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7013

BILL NUMBER: SB 586

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 9, 2013

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: IDEM Certified Mail.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Charbonneau

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill eliminates certain provisions that require the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) to use certified mail to provide information to the public. It allows IDEM to use electronic mail and United States mail to provide information to the public.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill would result in savings in expenses for IDEM by allowing them to distribute information by electronic mail or U.S. mail instead of certified mail. The precise amount of savings is indeterminable because the method of distributing information will vary on a case by case basis. IDEM spent about \$12,000 on certified mail in FY 2012. IDEM is funded by both state General Fund and dedicated fund appropriations.

U.S. Postal Service rates for certified mail are \$2.95 and first class postage starts at \$0.45. A return receipt by mail will cost \$2.35, or \$1.15 if sent electronically.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: IDEM.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: U.S. Postal Service, <http://www.usps.com/prices/welcome.htm>; Brad Baughn, IDEM, 317-234-3386.

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